

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1292

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse
in the National Archives.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2003

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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clearinghouse in the National Archives.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servitude and Emanci-
5 pation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act of 2003” or
6 the “SEARCH Act of 2003”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United
9 States shall establish, as a part of the National Archives,
10 a national database consisting of historic records of ser-

1 vitude and emancipation in the United States to assist Af-
2 rican Americans in researching their genealogy.

3 (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database established by
4 this Act shall be maintained by the National Historical
5 Publications and Records Commission.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated—

8 (1) \$5,000,000 to establish the national data-
9 base authorized by this Act; and

10 (2) \$5,000,000 to provide grants to States and
11 colleges and universities to preserve local records of
12 servitude and emancipation.

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